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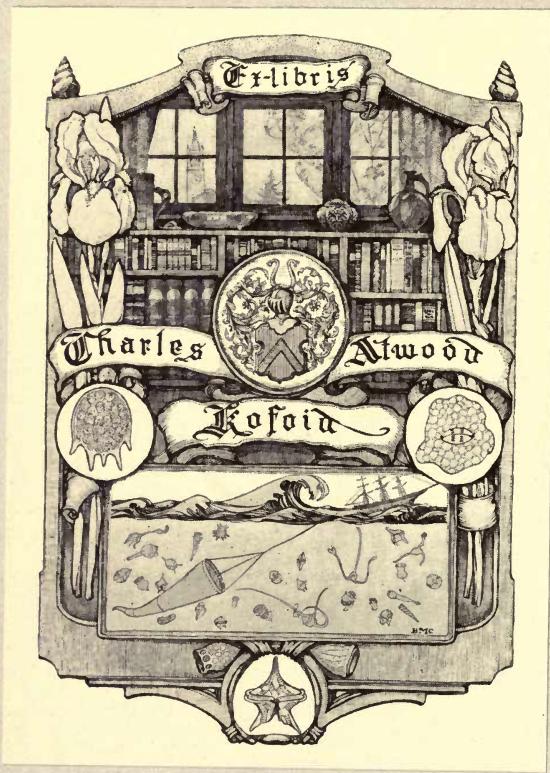
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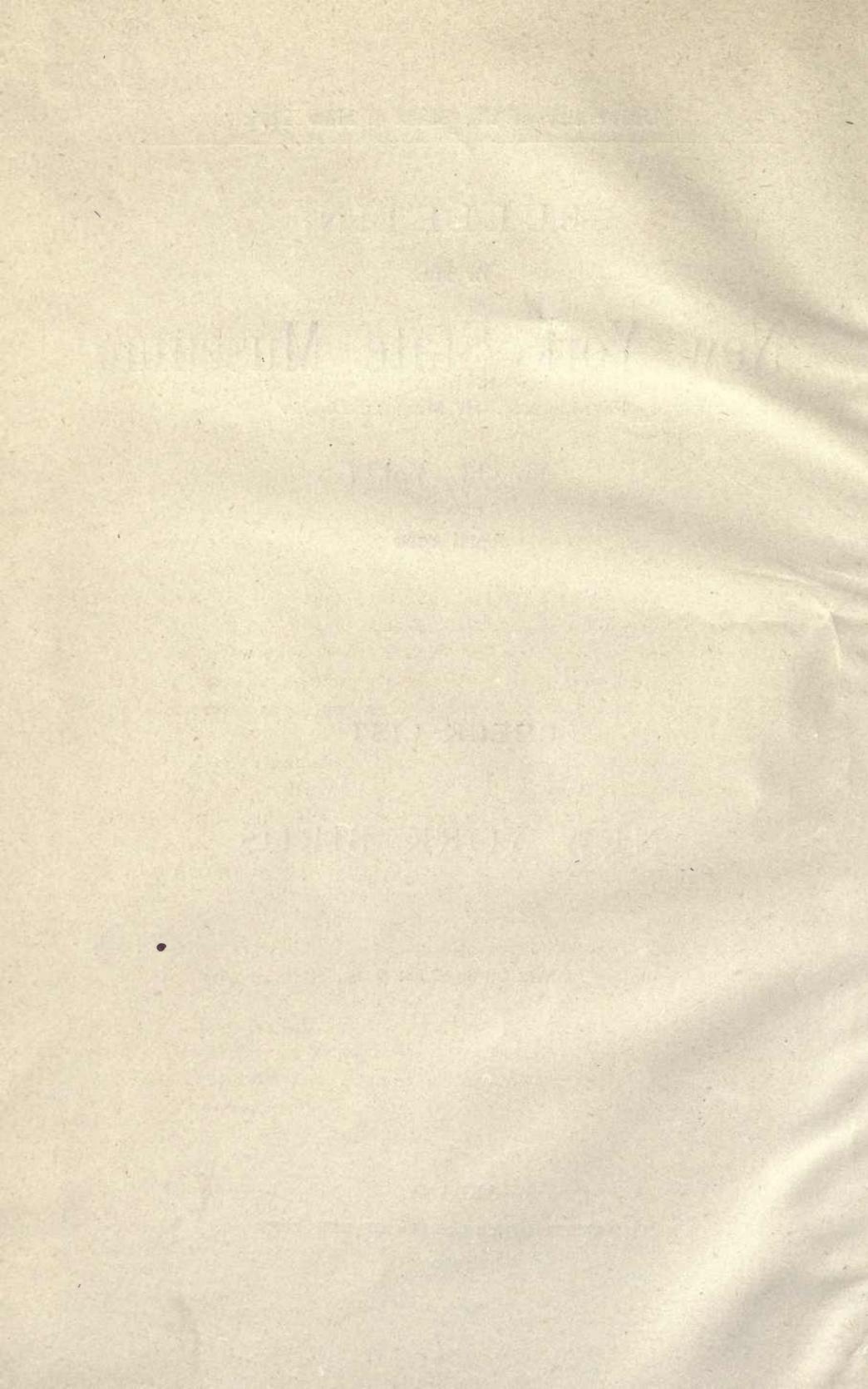
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## PREFACE

This list was originally prepared for use in collecting data for a bulletin on the birds of New York, but, inasmuch as no check list of the birds of the entire state is available for the student of our avi-fauna, it has been thought advisable to publish it in this form, hoping that it may be of some use to students in ornithology and serve as a convenient means of keeping notes on the various species.

My purpose has been to include all the birds known to occur or to have occurred in our state, and only those forms have been admitted that have actually been taken in New York. Thus the list contains not only our regular summer and winter residents and migrants, but also those that occur as irregular visitants or stragglers. A number of the species recorded have been taken only once or twice in the state and this is in nearly every case indicated in a foot note with the proper reference. It is believed that nearly, if not quite all the birds of our state, that have been recorded, are included; but for any corrections or additions the author will be grateful.

The list is divided into two parts, the first containing those birds that have actually been taken in New York, the second including those of which we have no satisfactory state records, but which, having been taken in adjoining states, may be looked for in New York.

Strict adherence is given to the nomenclature of the American ornithologists union check list of 1895 and the supplements of January 1897 and 1899. The number of the species in this list is followed by the American ornithologists union number in parentheses or brackets, and as the pamphlet is designed for the use of students rather than advanced workers, the common name is given first.

My obligations are due to Dr F. J. H. Merrill, whose kind aid and criticism have been a source of inspiration in my work. Also to Dr J. A. Allen and Mr William Dutcher of New York, Dr William Brewster of Cambridge, and Dr A. W. Butler of Indianapolis, who have been so kind as to give me notes and suggestions on several species.

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## PART I

### Order Pygopodes *Diving birds*

#### Family PODICIPIDAE *Grebes*

1 <sup>2</sup> (2) Holboell's grebe  
Colymbus holboellii (Reinh.)

2 (3) Horned grebe  
Colymbus auritus Linn.

3 (6) Pied-billed grebe  
Podilymbus podiceps (Linn.)

#### Family GAVIIDAE *Loons*

4 (7) Loon  
Gavia imber (Gunn.)



5 (9) Black-throated loon<sup>1</sup>  
*Gavia artica* (Linn.)

6 (11) Red-throated loon  
*Gavia lumme* (Gunn.)

Family ALCIDAE *Auks, murres and puffins*

7 (13) Puffin  
*Fratercula arctica* (Linn.)

8 (27) Black guillemot  
*Cephus grylle* (Linn.)

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<sup>1</sup> One New York record, Long Island. See *Auk*, 10:265-66.



9 (31) Brünnich's murre  
Uria lomvia (Linn.)

10 (32) Razor-billed auk  
Alca torda Linn.

11 (34) Dovekie  
Alle alle (Linn.)

Order **Longipennes** *Long-winged swimmers*

Family STERCORARIIDAE *Skuas and jaegers*

12 (35) Skua<sup>1</sup>  
Megalestris skua (Brünn.)

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<sup>1</sup> Long Island record, *Auk*, 3 :432-33. Niagara river, spring of 1886. See *Auk*, 6 :331; also Berg-told's *List of the birds of Buffalo and vicinity*, p. 3.



13 (36) Pomarine jaeger  
*Stercorarius pomarinus* (Temm.)

14 (37) Parasitic jaeger  
*Stercorarius parasiticus* (Linn.)

15 (38) Long-tailed jaeger  
*Stercorarius longicaudus* Vieill.

Family LARIDAE *Gulls and terns*

16 (39) Ivory gull<sup>1</sup>  
*Pagophila alba* (Gunn.)

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<sup>1</sup> One Long Island record. See *Auk*, 12: 290-91.



17 (40) Kittiwake  
*Rissa tridactyla* (Linn.)

18 (42) Glaucous gull  
*Larus glaucus* Brünn.

19 (43) Iceland gull  
*Larus leucopterus* Faber

20 (47) Great black-backed gull  
*Larus marinus* Linn.



21 (51) Herring gull<sup>1</sup>  
*Larus argentatus* Brünn.

22 (51a) American herring gull  
*Larus argentatus smithsonianus* Coues

23 (54) Ring-billed gull  
*Larus delawarensis* Ord

24 (58) Laughing gull  
*Larus atricilla* Linn.

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<sup>1</sup> Dr J. A. Allen writes me that this species is occasional in winter in Long Island sound and adjacent waters, and that several specimens taken in that locality and referable to this form have come under his observation.



25 (60) Bonaparte's gull  
Larus philadelphia (Ord)

26 [60.1] Little gull<sup>1</sup>  
Larus minutus Pall.

27 (62) Sabine's gull<sup>2</sup>  
Xema sabini (Sab.)

28 (63) Gull-billed tern  
Gelochelidon nilotica (Hasselq.)

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<sup>1</sup> There is one American record of the occurrence of this European species. It was taken at Fire Island, Long Island. See *Auk*, 1883, 5: 172.

<sup>2</sup> An arctic form. Two Long Island records. See Giraud's *Birds of Long Island*, 1844, p. 363; Baird, Brewer & Ridgway's *Water birds*, 2:272; *Auk*, 1900, 17:63.



29 (64) Caspian tern  
Sternia caspia Pallas

30 (65) Royal tern  
Sternia maxima Bodd.

31 [68] Trudeau's tern<sup>1</sup>  
Sternia trudeaui Aud.

32 (69) Forster's tern  
Sternia forsteri Nutt.

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<sup>1</sup> One representative of this South American bird has been recorded from Long Island. See Aud. Orn. *biog.* 5:125; Aud. *Syn. birds N. A.*, p. 319; Giraud's *Birds of Long Island*, p. 354; Baird, Brewer & Ridgway's *Water birds*, 2:291.





33 (70) Common tern  
*Sterna hirundo* Linn

34 (71) Arctic tern  
*Sterna paradisaëa* Brünn.

35 (72) Roseate tern  
*Sterna dougalli* Montag.

36 (74) Least tern  
*Sterna antillarum* (Less.)



37 (75) Sooty tern  
*Sterna fuliginosa* Gmel.

38 (77) Black tern  
*Hydrochelidon nigra surinamensis* (Gmel.)

Family RYNCHOPIDAE *Skimmers*

39 (80) Black skimmer  
*Rynchops nigra* Linn.

Order TUBINARES *Tube-nosed swimmers*

Family PROCELLARIIDAE *Fulmars and shearwaters*

40 (88) Cory's shearwater  
*Puffinus borealis* Cory



41 (89) Greater shearwater  
*Puffinus gravis* (O'Reilly)

42 (92) Audubon's shearwater  
*Puffinus auduboni* Finsch

43 (94) Sooty shearwater  
*Puffinus fuliginosus* Strickland

44 [98] Black-capped petrel<sup>1</sup>  
*Aestrelata hasitata* (Kuhl)

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<sup>1</sup> Long Island record, *Ann. lyc. nat. hist. N. Y.*, 5: 290. Also Oneida lake and Ulster co. records, *Auk*, 11: 162-63; 12: 179.



45 [99] Scaled petrel<sup>1</sup>  
*Aestrelata scalaris* Brewst.

46 (106) Leach's petrel  
*Oceanodroma leucorhoa* (Vieill.)

47 (109) Wilson's petrel  
*Oceanites oceanicus* (Kuhl)

Order **Steganopodes** *Totipalmate swimmers*

Family **PHAËTHONTIDAE** *Tropic birds*

48 (112) Yellow-billed tropic bird<sup>2</sup>  
*Phaëthon americanus* Grant

1 The single specimen taken in Livingston co. in 1880 is unique, as it has not been taken elsewhere. See *Bul. Nutt. orn. club*, 6: 91-97; *Auk*, 11: 389-93.

2 This tropical form has once been taken at Knowlesville, Orleans co. See *Bul. Nutt. orn. club*, 5: 63. See also Short's *Birds of western New York*. Also Langille's, *Our birds in their haunts*, p. 615. One other state record. See Maynard's *Birds of eastern North America*, 1881, p. 474.



Family SULIDAE *Gannets*

49 (115) Booby<sup>1</sup>  
Sula sula (Linn.)

50 (117) Gannet  
Sula bassana (Linn.)

Family PHALACROCORACIDAE *Cormorants*

51 (119) Cormorant  
Phalacrocorax carbo (Linn.)

52 (120) Double-crested cormorant  
Phalacrocorax dilophus (Swain.)

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<sup>1</sup> Accidental on Moriches bay, Long Island. See *Auk*, 10:271.



Family PELECANIDAE *Pelicans*

53 (125) American white pelican  
*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos* Gmel.

Family FREGATIDAE *Man-o'-war birds*

54 (128) Man-o'-war bird<sup>1</sup>  
*Fregata aquila* Linn.

Order Anseres *Lamellirostral swimmers*Family ANATIDAE *Ducks, geese and swans*

55 (129) American merganser  
*Merganser americanus* (Cass.)

56 (130) Red-breasted merganser  
*Merganser serrator* (Linn.)

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<sup>1</sup> There are two Long Island records. See *American naturalist*, 9 : 470; *Auk*, 5 : 173.



57 (131) Hooded merganser  
*Lophodytes cucullatus* (Linn.)

58 (132) Mallard  
*Anas boschas* Linn.

59 (133) Black duck  
*Anas obscura* Gmel.

60 (135) Gadwall  
*Chaulelasmus streperus* (Linn.)



61 (136) Widgeon  
*Mareca penelope* (Linn.)

62 (137) Baldpate  
*Mareca americana* (Gmel.)

63 (139) Green-winged teal  
*Nettion carolinensis* (Gmel.)

64 (140) Blue-winged teal  
*Querquedula discors* (Linn.)



65 (142) Shoveller  
*Spatula clypeata* (Linn.)

66 (143) Pintail  
*Dafila acuta* (Linn.)

67 (144) Wood duck  
*Aix sponsa* (Linn.)

68 [145] Rufous-crested duck<sup>1</sup>  
*Netta rufina* (Pall.)

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<sup>1</sup> This European species is known in the United States only by one specimen found in Fulton market, New York, and supposed to have been shot on Long Island. See *Bul. Nutt. orn. club*, 6:178; also *Proc. U. S. nat. mus.* 1331, p. 22-24.



69 (146) Redhead  
*Aythya americana* (Eyt.)

70 (147) Canvas-back  
*Aythya vallisneria* (Wils.)

71 (148) American scaup duck  
*Aythya marila* (Linn.)

72 (149) Lesser scaup duck  
*Aythya affinis* (Eyt.)



73 (150) Ring-necked duck  
*Aythya collaris* (Donov.)

74 (151) American golden-eye  
*Clangula clangula americana* Faxon

75 (152) Barrow's golden-eye  
*Clangula islandica* (Gmel.)

76 (153) Buffle-head  
*Charitonetta albeola* (Linn.)



77 (154) Old-squaw  
*Harelda hyemalis* (Linn.)

78 (155) Harlequin duck  
*Histrionicus histrionicus* (Linn.)

79 (156) Labrador duck<sup>1</sup>  
*Camptolaimus labradorius* (Gmel.)

80 (160) American eider  
*Somateria dresseri* Sharpe

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<sup>1</sup> Formerly a winter visitant to Long Island from the arctic regions. Now supposed to be extinct.



81 (162) King cider  
*Somateria spectabilis* (Linn.)

82 (163) American scoter  
*Oidemia americana* Swains.

83 (165) White-winged scoter  
*Oidemia deglandi* Bonap.

84 (166) Surf scoter  
*Oidemia perspicillata* (Linn.)



85 (167) Ruddy duck  
*Erismatura jamaicensis* (Gmel.)

86 (169a) Greater snow goose  
*Chen hyperborea nivalis* (Forst.)

87 (169.1) Blue goose  
*Chen caerulescens* (Linn.)

88 (171a) American white-fronted goose  
*Anser albifrons gambeli* (Hartl.)



89 (172) Canada goose  
*Branta canadensis* (Linn.)

90 (172a) Hutchins's goose  
*Branta canadensis hutchinsii* (Rich.)

91 (173) Brant  
*Branta bernicla* (Linn.)

92 (174) Black brant  
*Branta nigricans* (Lawr.)



93 [175] Barnacle goose<sup>1</sup>  
*Branta leucopsis* (Bechst.)

94 (180) Whistling swan  
*Olor columbianus* (Ord)

Order **Herodiones** *Herons, ibises, etc.*

Family IBIDIDAE *Ibises*

95 (184) White ibis  
*Guara alba* (Linn.)

96 (186) Glossy ibis  
*Plegadis autumnalis* (Hasselq.)

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<sup>1</sup> One Long Island record of this European species. See *Bul. Nutt. orn. club*, 2:18.



97 (187) White-faced glossy ibis<sup>1</sup>  
*Plegadis guarauna* (Linn.)

Family CICONIIDAE *Storks and wood ibises*

98 (188) Wood ibis  
*Tantalus loculator* Linn.

Family ARDEIDAE *Herons, bitterns, etc.*

99 (190) American bittern  
*Botaurus lentiginosus* (Montag.)

100 (191) Least bittern  
*Ardetta exilis* (Gmel.)

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<sup>1</sup> There is a specimen (no. 205) of this species in the New York state museum, taken on Grand Island, Niagara river, Aug. 1844. See 3d ann. rep't N. Y. state museum, p. 22; also *Auk*, 1887, 3: 253-54.



101 (194) Great blue heron  
Ardea herodias Linn.

102 (196) American egret  
Ardea egretta Gmel.

103 (197) Snowy heron  
Ardea candidissima Gmel.

104 (199) Louisiana heron<sup>1</sup>  
Ardea tricolor ruficollis (Gosse)

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<sup>1</sup> One Long Island record. See DeKay, 1842, p. 223. See also Giraud's *Birds of Long Island*, 1844, p. 281-82.



105 (200) Little blue heron  
*Ardea caerulea* Linn.

106 (201) Green heron  
*Ardea virescens* Linn.

{ 107 (202) Black-crowned night heron  
*Nycticorax nycticorax naevius* (Bodd.)

108 (203) Yellow-crowned night heron  
*Nycticorax violaceus* (Linn.)



Order **Paludicolae** *Cranes, rails, etc.*Family **GRUIDAE** *Cranes*109 (204) Whooping crane<sup>1</sup>

Grus americana (Linn.)

110 (206) Sandhill crane<sup>1</sup>

Grus mexicana (Müll.)

Family **RALLIDAE** *Rails, gallinules and coots*

111 (208) King rail

Rallus elegans Aud.

112 (211) Clapper rail

Rallus crepitans Gmel.



113 (212) Virginia rail  
*Rallus virginianus* Linn.

114 (214) Sora  
*Porzana carolina* (Linn.)

115 (215) Yellow rail  
*Porzana noveboracensis* (Gmel.)

116 (216) Black rail  
*Porzana jamaicensis* (Gmel.)



117 [217] Corn crake

*Crex crex* (Linn.)

118 (218) Purple gallinule

*Ionornis martinica* (Linn.)

119 (219) Florida gallinule

*Gallinula galeata* (Licht.)

120 (221) American coot

*Fulica americana* Gmel.



Order **Limicolae** *Shore birds*Family **PHALAROPODIDAE** *Phalaropes*

121 (222) Red phalarope  
*Crymophilus fulicarius* (Linn.)

122 (223) Northern phalarope  
*Phalaropus lobatus* (Linn.)

123 (224) Wilson's phalarope  
*Steganopus tricolor* Vieill.

Family **RECURVIROSTRIDAE** *Avocets and stilts*

124 (225) American avocet  
*Recurvirostra americana* Gmel.



125 (226) Black-necked stilt  
*Himantopus mexicanus* (Müll.)

Family SCOLOPACIDAE *Snipes, sandpipers, etc.*

126 (228) American woodcock  
*Philohela minor* (Gmel.)

127 (230) Wilson's snipe  
*Gallinago delicata* (Ord)

128 (231) Dowitcher  
*Macrorhamphus griseus* (Gmel.)



129 (232) Long-billed dowitcher  
*Macrorhamphus scolopaceus* (Say)

130 (233) Stilt sandpiper  
*Micropalma himantopus* (Bonap.)

131 (234) Knot  
*Tringa canutus* Linn.

132 (235) Purple sandpiper  
*Tringa maritima* Brünn.

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133 (239) Pectoral sandpiper  
*Tringa maculata* Vieill.

134 (240) White-rumped sandpiper  
*Tringa fuscicollis* Vieill

135 (241) Baird's sandpiper  
*Tringa bairdii* (Coues)

136 (242) Least sandpiper  
*Tringa minutilla* Vieill.



137 [243] Dunlin<sup>1</sup>  
*Tringa alpina* Linn.

138 (243a) Red-backed sandpiper  
*Tringa alpina pacifica* (Coues)

139 (244) Curlew sandpiper<sup>2</sup>  
*Tringa ferruginea* Bünn.

140 (246) Semipalmated sandpiper  
*Ereunetes pusillus* (Linn.)

1 One Long Island record. See *Auk*, 10: 78.

2 See Coues's, *New England bird life*, 2:221; *Auk*, 1884, 1:32-33.

1. *Leucania* (dame) *leucania* (L.) *leucania* (L.) *leucania* (L.)  
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5. *Leucania* (dame) *leucania* (L.) *leucania* (L.) *leucania* (L.)  
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141 (247) Western sandpiper  
*Ereunetes occidentalis* Lawr.

142 (248) Sanderling  
*Calidris arenaria* (Linn.)

143 (249) Marbled godwit  
*Limosa fedoa* (Linn.)

144 (251) Hudsonian godwit  
*Limosa haemastica* (Linn.)



145 (254) Greater yellow-legs  
*Totanus melanoleucus* (Gmel.)

146 (255) Yellow-legs  
*Totanus flavipes* (Gmel.)

147 (256) Solitary sandpiper  
*Helodromas solitarius* (Wils.)

148 (258) Willet  
*Symphearia semipalmata* (Gmel.)

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149 [260] Ruff<sup>1</sup>  
Pavoncella pugnax (Linn.)

150 (261) Bartramian sandpiper  
Bartramia longicauda (Bechst.)

151 (262) Buff-breasted sandpiper  
Tryngites subruficollis (Vieill.)

152 (263) Spotted sandpiper  
Actitis macularia (Linn.)

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<sup>1</sup> Long Island records. See *Ann. lyce. nat. hist. N. Y.* 5: 220.



153 (264) Long-billed curlew  
*Numenius longirostris* Wils.

154 (265) Hudsonian curlew  
*Numenius hudsonicus* Lath.

155 (266) Eskimo curlew  
*Numenius borealis* (Forst.)

156 (H.L 11.1) European curlew<sup>1</sup>  
*Numenius arquatus* (Linn.)

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<sup>1</sup> There is in the New York state museum, (no. 324 in coll.) one individual of this species believed to have been taken on Long Island in 1853 and we think the evidence is sufficient to warrant its being included in the list of birds actually taken in New York. See *Auk*, 9: 390-92.



Family CHARADRIIDAE *Plovers*

157 [269] Lapwing<sup>1</sup>  
*Vanellus vanellus* (Linn.)

158 (270) Black-bellied plover  
*Squatarola squatarola* (Linn.)

159 (272) American golden plover  
*Charadrius dominicus* Müll.

160 (273) Killdeer  
*Aegialitis vocifera* (Linn.)

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<sup>1</sup> One specimen of this European form has been taken on Long Island. See *Auk*, 1886, 3: 438.



161 (274) Semipalmated plover  
*Aegialitis semipalmata* Bonap.

162 (277) Piping plover  
*Aegialitis meloda* (Ord)

163 (277a) Belted piping plover  
*Aegialitis meloda circumcincta* Ridgw.

164 (280) Wilson's plover  
*Aegialitis wilsonia* (Ord)



Family APHRIZIDAE *Surf birds and turnstones*

165 (283) Turnstone  
Arenaria interpres (Linn.)

Family HAEMATOPODIDAE *Oyster-catchers*

166 (286) American oyster-catcher  
Haematopus palliatus Temm.

Order Gallinae *Gallinaceous birds*Family TETRAONIDAE *Grouse, partridges, etc.*

167 (289) Bob-white  
Colinus virginianus (Linn.)

168 (298) Canada grouse  
Canachites canadensis (Linn.)



169 (300) Ruffed grouse  
*Bonasa umbellus* (Linn.)

170 (300a) Canadian ruffed grouse  
*Bonasa umbellus togata* (Linn.)

171 (301) Willow ptarmigan<sup>1</sup>  
*Lagopus lagopus* (Linn.)

172 (306) Heath hen<sup>2</sup>  
*Tympanuchus cupido* (Linn.)

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<sup>1</sup> Watson, Lewis co. record. See *Bul. Nutt. orn. club*, 3: 41; 6: 233.

<sup>2</sup> Historic in New York state.



Family PHASIANIDAE *Pheasants, etc.*

173 (310a) Wild turkey<sup>1</sup>  
Meleagris gallopavo fera (Vieill.)

Order Columbae *Pigeons*Family COLUMBIDAE *Pigeons*

174 (315) Passenger pigeon  
Ectopistes migratorius (Linn.)

175 (316) Mourning dove  
Zenaidura macroura (Linn.)

Order Raptore *Birds of prey*Family CATHARTIDAE *American vultures*

176 (325) Turkey vulture  
Cathartes aura (Linn.)

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<sup>1</sup> Historic in New York state.



177 (326) Black vulture  
*Catharista urubu* (Vieill.)

Family FALCONIDAE *Vultures, falcons, hawks, eagles, etc.*

178 (327) Swallow-tailed kite  
*Elanoides forficatus* (Linn.)

179 (331) Marsh hawk  
*Circus hudsonius* (Linn.)

180 (332) Sharp-shinned hawk  
*Accipiter velox* (Wils.)



181 (333) Cooper's hawk  
*Accipiter cooperii* (Bonap.)

182 (334) American goshawk  
*Accipiter atricapillus* (Wils.)

183 (337) Red-tailed hawk  
*Buteo borealis* (Gmel.)

184 (339) Red-shouldered hawk  
*Buteo lineatus* (Gmel.)



185 (342) Swainson's hawk<sup>1</sup>

*Buteo swainsoni* Bonap.

186 (343) Broad-winged hawk

*Buteo latissimus* (Wils.)

187 (347a) American rough-legged hawk

*Archibuteo lagopus sancti-johannis* (Gmel.)

188 (349) Golden eagle

*Aquila chrysaëtos* (Linn.)

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<sup>1</sup> Cornwall N. Y. record. See *Auk*, 10: 83-84.



189 (352) Bald eagle  
*Haliaeetus leucocephalus* (Linn.)

190 (353) White gyrfalcon<sup>1</sup>  
*Falco islandus* Brünn.

191 (354a) Gyrfalcon<sup>2</sup>  
*Falco rusticulus gyrfalco* (Linn.)

192 (354b) Black gyrfalcon  
*Falco rusticulus obsoletus* (Gmel.)

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<sup>1</sup> One taken on Long Island in 1856. See *Auk*, 10: 274-75; *Ann. lyc. nat. hist. N. Y.* 8: 280.

<sup>2</sup> Long Island, fall of 1875.—*Lawrence*



193 (356) Duck hawk

*Falco peregrinus anatum* (Bonap.)

194 (357) Pigeon hawk

*Falco columbarius* Linn

195 (360) American sparrow hawk

*Falco sparverius* Linn.

196 (364) American osprey

*Pandion haliaetus carolinensis* (Gmel.)



Family STRIGIDAE *Barn owls*

197 (365) American barn owl  
*Strix pratincola* Bonap.

Family BUBONIDAE *Horned owls, etc.*

198 (366) American long-eared owl  
*Asio wilsonianus* (Less.)

199 (367) Short-eared owl  
*Asio accipitrinus* (Pall.)

200 (368) Barred owl  
*Syrnium nebulosum* (Forst.)



201 (370) Great gray owl  
*Scotiaptex cinerea* (Gmel.)

202 (372) Saw-whet owl  
*Nyctala acadica* (Gmel.)

203 (373) Screech owl  
*Megascops asio* (Linn.)

204 (375) Great horned owl  
*Bubo virginianus* (Gmel.)



205 (376) Snowy owl  
*Nyctea nyctea* (Linn.)

206 (377a) American hawk owl  
*Surnia ulula caparoch* (Müll.)

207 (378) Burrowing owl<sup>1</sup>  
*Speotyto cunicularia hypogaea* (Bonap.)

Order Psittaci *Parrots, etc.*

Family PSITTACIDAE *Parrots*

208 (382) Carolina paroquet<sup>2</sup>  
*Conurus carolinensis* (Linn.)

<sup>1</sup> One New York record. See *Forest and stream*, 12 Aug. 1875, 5: 4.

<sup>2</sup> Historic in New York state.



Order **Coccyges** *Cuckoos, etc.*Family CUCULIDAE *Cuckoos, etc.*

209 (387) Yellow-billed cuckoo

*Coccyzus americanus* (Linn.)

210 (388) Black-billed cuckoo

*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus* (Wils.)Family ALCEDINIDAE *Kingfishers*

211 (390) Belted kingfisher

*Ceryle alcyon* (Linn.)Order **Pici** *Woodpeckers, etc.*Family PICIDAE *Woodpeckers*

212 (393) Hairy woodpecker

*Dryobates villosus* (Linn.)



213 (394c) Downy woodpecker  
*Dryobates pubescens medianus* (Swains.)

214 (400) Arctic three-toed woodpecker  
*Picoides arcticus* (Swains.)

215 (401) American three-toed woodpecker  
*Picoides americanus* Brehm

216 (402) Yellow-bellied sapsucker  
*Sphyrapicus varius* (Linn.)



217 (405a) Northern pileated woodpecker  
*Ceophloeus pileatus abieticola* Bangs

218 (406) Red-headed woodpecker  
*Melanerpes erythrocephalus* (Linn.)

219 (409) Red-bellied woodpecker  
*Melanerpes carolinus* (Linn.)

220 (412a) Northern flicker  
*Colaptes auratus luteus* Bangs



Order **Machrochires** *Goatsuckers, swifts, etc.*Family **CAPRIMULGIDAE** *Goatsuckers, etc.*

221 (417) Whip-poor-will

*Antrostomus vociferus* (Wils.)

222 (420) Nighthawk

*Chordeiles virginianus* (Gmel.)Family **MICROPODIDAE** *Swifts*

223 (423) Chimney swift

*Chaetura pelagica* (Linn.)Family **TROCHILIDAE** *Hummingbirds*

224 (428) Ruby-throated hummingbird

*Trochilus columbris* Linn.



Order **Passeres** *Perching birds*Family **TYRANNIDAE** *Tyrant flycatchers*

225 (444) Kingbird  
*Tyrannus tyrannus* (Linn.)

226 (447) Arkansas kingbird  
*Tyrannus verticalis* Say

227 (452) Crested flycatcher  
*Myiarchus crinitus* (Linn.)

228 (456) Phoebe  
*Sayornis phoebe* (Lath.)



229 (459) Olive-sided flycatcher  
*Contopus borealis* (Swains.)

230 (461) Wood pewee  
*Contopus virens* (Linn.)

231 (463) Yellow-bellied flycatcher  
*Empidonax flaviventris* Baird

232 (465) Green-crested flycatcher  
*Empidonax virescens* (Vieill.)



233 (466a) Alder flycatcher  
*Empidonax traillii alnorum* Brewst.

234 (467) Least flycatcher  
*Empidonax minimus* Baird

Family ALAUDIDAE *Larks*

235 (474) Horned lark  
*Otocoris alpestris* (Linn.)

236 (474b) Prairie horned lark  
*Otocoris alpestris praticola* Hensh.



Family CORVIDAE *Crows, jays, magpies, etc.*

237 (477) Blue jay  
*Cyanocitta cristata* (Linn.)

238 (484) Canada jay  
*Perisoreus canadensis* (Linn.)

239 (486a) Northern raven  
*Corvus corax principalis* Ridgw.

240 (488) American crow  
*Corvus americanus* Aud.



241 (490) Fish crow  
*Corvus ossifragus* Wils.

Family ICTERIDAE *Blackbirds, orioles, etc.*

242 (494) Bobolink  
*Dolichonyx oryzivorus* (Linn.)

243 (495) Cowbird  
*Molothrus ater* (Bodd.)

244 (498) Red-winged blackbird  
*Agelaius phoeniceus* (Linn.)



245 (501) Meadowlark  
*Sturnella magna* (Linn.)

246 (506) Orchard oriole  
*Icterus spurius* (Linn.)

247 (507) Baltimore oriole  
*Icterus galbula* (Linn.)

248 (509) Rusty blackbird  
*Scolecophagus carolinus* (Müll.)



249 (511) Purple grackle  
*Quiscalus quiscula* (Linn.)

250 (511b) Bronzed grackle  
*Quiscalus quiscula aeneus* (Ridgw.)

Family FRINGILLIDAE *Finches, sparrows, etc.*

251 (514) Evening grosbeak  
*Coccothraustes vespertinus* (Coop.)

252 (515) Pine grosbeak  
*Pinicola enucleator canadensis* (Cab.)



253 (517) Purple finch  
*Carpodacus purpureus* (Gmel.)

254 (521) American crossbill  
*Loxia curvirostra minor* (Brehm)

255 (522) White-winged crossbill  
*Loxia leucoptera* Gmel.

256 (528) Redpoll  
*Acanthis linaria* (Linn.)



257 (528b) Greater redpoll  
*Acanthis linaria rostrata* (Coues)

258 (529) American goldfinch  
*Astragalinus tristis* (Linn.)

259 (533) Pine siskin  
*Spinus pinus* (Wils.)

260 (534) Snowflake  
*Passerina nivalis* (Linn.)



261 (536) Lapland longspur  
*Calcarius lapponicus* (Linn.)

262 (538) Chestnut-collared longspur<sup>1</sup>  
*Calcarius ornatus* (Towns.)

263 (540) Vesper sparrow  
*Pooecetes gramineus* (Gmel.)

264 (541) Ipswich sparrow  
*Ammodramus princeps* (Mayn.)

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<sup>1</sup> Long Island record. See *Auk*, 6: 190.



265 (542a) Savanna sparrow  
*Ammodramus sandwichensis savanna* (Wils.)

266 (546) Grasshopper sparrow  
*Ammodramus savannarum passerinus* (Wils.)

267 (547) Henslow's sparrow  
*Ammodramus henslowii* (Aud.)

268 (548) Leconte's sparrow<sup>1</sup>  
*Ammodramus leconteii* (Aud.)

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<sup>1</sup> This is included on the authority of Mr Louis Agassiz Fuertes, who reports the capture of a young bird of this species at Ithaca, 11 Oct. 1897. See *Auk*, 1898, 15: 188-89.



269 (549) Sharp-tailed sparrow  
*Ammodramus caudacutus* (Gmel.)

270 (549.1) Nelson's sparrow  
*Ammodramus nelsoni* (Allen)

271 (549.1a) Acadian sharp-tailed sparrow  
*Ammodramus nelsoni subvirgatus* (Dwight)

272 (550) Seaside sparrow  
*Ammodramus maritimus* (Wils.)



273 (552) Lark sparrow  
*Chondestes grammacus* (Say)

274 (554) White-crowned sparrow  
*Zonotrichia leucophrys* (Forst.)

275 (558) White-throated sparrow  
*Zonotrichia albicollis* (Gmel.)

276 (559) Tree sparrow  
*Spizella monticola* (Gmel.)



277 (560) Chipping sparrow  
*Spizella socialis* (Wils.)

278 (563) Field sparrow  
*Spizella pusilla* (Wils.)

279 (567) Slate-colored junco  
*Junco hyemalis* (Linn.)

280 (581) Song sparrow  
*Melospiza fasciata* (Gmel.)<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Oberholser has recently shown that the species name *fasciata* is untenable for this form and that *melodia* should be adopted. See *Auk*, 16: 182-83.



281 (583) Lincoln's sparrow  
*Melospiza lincolni* (Aud.)

282 (584) Swamp sparrow  
*Melospiza georgiana* (Lath.)

283 (585) Fox sparrow  
*Passerella iliaca* (Merr.)

284 (587) Towhee  
*Pipilo erythrophthalmus* (Linn.)



285 (593) Cardinal  
*Cardinalis cardinalis* (Linn.)

286 (595) Rose-breasted grosbeak  
*Zamelodia ludoviciana* (Linn.)

287 (597) Blue grosbeak<sup>1</sup>  
*Guiraca caerulea* (Linn.)

288 (598) Indigo bunting  
*Cyanospiza cyanea* (Linn.)

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<sup>1</sup> See De Kay, 1842, p. 146; *Bul. Nutt. orn. club*, 3:132; *Auk*, 10:276.



289 (601) Painted bunting<sup>1</sup>  
*Cyanospiza ciris* (Linn.)

290 (604) Dickcissel  
*Spiza americana* (Gmel.)

291 (605) Lark bunting<sup>2</sup>  
*Calamospiza melanocorys* Stejn.

Family TANAGRIDAE *Tanagers*

292 (607) Louisiana tanager<sup>3</sup>  
*Piranga ludoviciana* (Wils.)

1 See *Bul. Nutt. orn. club*, 3: 132; *Forest and stream*, 1884, p. 424.

2 This western species has once been taken on Long Island. See *Auk*, 6: 192, 1889.

3 One New York record. See *Auk*, 1890, 7: 55.



293 (608) Scarlet tanager  
*Piranga erythromelas* Vieill.

294 (610) Summer tanager  
*Piranga rubra* (Linn.)

Family HIRUNDINIDAE *Swallows*

295 (611) Purple martin  
*Progne subis* (Linn.)

296 (612) Cliff swallow  
*Petrochelidon lunifrons* (Say)



297 (613) Barn swallow  
*Hirundo erythrogaster* Bodd.

298 (614) Tree swallow  
*Tachycineta bicolor* (Vieill.)

299 (616) Bank swallow  
*Clivicola riparia* (Linn.)

300 (617) Rough-winged swallow  
*Stelgidopteryx serripennis* (Aud.)



Family AMPELIDAE *Waxwings, etc.*

301 (618) Bohemian waxwing  
*Ampelis garrulus* Linn.

302 (619) Cedar waxwing  
*Ampelis cedrorum* (Vieill.)

Family LANIIDAE<sup>1</sup> *Shrikes*

303 (621) Northern shrike  
*Lanius borealis* Vieill.

304 (622) Loggerhead shrike  
*Lanius ludovicianus* Linn.

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1 Three species of shrikes have been recognized in New York state, but the status of the forms is not well understood, it often being a matter of difficulty to assign individual specimens to their proper species. William Palmer, after an examination of 176 specimens, proposes to "relegate *excubitorides* to the plains region west of the immediate Mississippi wooded drainage area, *ludovicianus* to the south Atlantic and gulf coasts, and Florida, and to recognize a new form (*L. l. migrans*) as occupying much of the remaining region of the east." The acceptance of his views has been deferred by the American ornithologists union for lack of material, and so it seems best for the present to let the species stand as given in *Auk*, 15: 244-58; also 16: 133.



305 (622a) White-rumped shrike

*Lanius ludovicianus excubitorides* (Swains.)

Family VIREONIDAE *Vireos*

306 (624) Red-eyed vireo

*Vireo olivaceus* (Linn.)

307 (626) Philadelphia vireo

*Vireo philadelphicus* (Cass.)

308 (627) Warbling vireo

*Vireo gilvus* (Vieill.)



309 (628) Yellow-throated vireo  
Vireo flavifrons Vieill.

310 (629) Blue-headed vireo  
Vireo solitarius (Wils.)

311 (629b) Plumbeous vireo<sup>1</sup>  
Vireo solitarius plumbeus (Coues)

312 (631) White-eyed vireo  
Vireo noveboracensis (Gmel.)

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<sup>1</sup> One New York record. See *Auk* 1894, 11:79.



Family MNIOTILTIDAE *Wood warblers*

313 (636) Black and white warbler  
*Mniotilta varia* (Linn.)

314 (637) Prothonotary warbler  
*Protonotaria citrea* (Bodd.)

315 (639) Worm-eating warbler  
*Helmitherus vermivorus* (Gmel.)

316 (641) Blue-winged warbler  
*Helminthophila pinus* (Linn.)



317 (642) Golden-winged warbler  
*Helminthophila chrysoptera* (Linn.)

318 (H.L.20) Lawrence's warbler<sup>1</sup>  
*Helminthophila lawrencei* (Herrick)

319 (H.L.21) Brewster's warbler<sup>1</sup>  
*Helminthophila leucobronchialis* (Brewst.)

320 (645) Nashville warbler  
*Helminthophila rubricapilla* (Wils.)

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<sup>1</sup> These forms are included in the hypothetic list of the American ornithologists union check list, as they are supposed to be hybrids between *H. pinus* and *H. chrysoptera*. Both have been taken in New York, and are here included to learn more of their abundance and status in our state. See *Auk*, 1883, 5: 427; *Bul. Nutt. orn. club*, 4: 234, 1879; *Auk*, 1892, 9: 306.



321 (646) Orange-crowned warbler  
*Helminthophila celata* (Say)

322 (647) Tennessee warbler  
*Helminthophila peregrina* (Wils.)

323 (648a) Northern parula warbler  
*Compsothlypis americana usneae* Brewst.

324 (650) Cape May warbler  
*Dendroica tigrina* (Gmel.)



325 (652) Yellow warbler  
*Dendroica aestiva* (Gmel.)

326 (654) Black-throated blue warbler  
*Dendroica caerulescens* (Gmel.)

327 (655) Myrtle warbler  
*Dendroica coronata* (Linn.)

328 (657) Magnolia warbler  
*Dendroica maculosa* (Gmel.)



329 (658) Cerulean warbler  
*Dendroica rara* Wils.

330 (659) Chestnut-sided warbler  
*Dendroica pensylvanica* (Linn.)

331 (660) Bay-breasted warbler  
*Dendroica castanea* (Wils.)

332 (661) Black-poll warbler  
*Dendroica striata* (Forst.)



333 (662) Blackburnian warbler  
*Dendroica blackburniae* (Gmel.)

334 (663) Yellow-throated warbler  
*Dendroica dominica* (Linn.)

335 (667) Black-throated green warbler  
*Dendroica virens* (Gmel.)

336 (671) Pine warbler  
*Dendroica vigorsii* (Aud.)



337 (672) Palm warbler  
*Dendroica palmarum* (Gmel.)

338 (672a) Yellow palm warbler  
*Dendroica palmarum hypochrysea* Ridgw.

339 (673) Prairie warbler  
*Dendroica discolor* (Vieill.)

340 (674) Oven-bird  
*Seiurus aurocapillus* (Linn.)



341 (675) Water-thrush  
*Seiurus noveboracensis* (Gmel.)

342 (676) Louisiana water-thrush  
*Seiurus motacilla* (Vieill.)

343 (677) Kentucky warbler  
*Geothlypis formosa* (Wils.)

344 (678) Connecticut warbler  
*Geothlypis agilis* (Wils.)



345 (679) Mourning warbler  
*Geothlypis philadelphia* (Wils.)

346 (681) Maryland yellow-throat  
*Geothlypis trichas* (Linn.)

347 (683) Yellow-breasted chat  
*Icteria virens* (Linn.)

348 (684) Hooded warbler  
*Wilsonia mitrata* (Gmel.)



349 (685) Wilson's warbler  
*Wilsonia pusilla* (Wils.)

350 (686) Canadian warbler  
*Wilsonia canadensis* (Linn.)

351 (687) American redstart  
*Setophaga ruticilla* (Linn.)

Family MOTACILLIDAE *Wagtails*

352 (697) American pipit  
*Anthus pensylvanicus* (Lath.)



Family TROGLODYTIIDAE *Wrens, thrashers, etc.*

353 (703) Mockingbird  
*Mimus polyglottos* (Linn.)

354 (704) Catbird  
*Galeoscoptes carolinensis* (Linn.)

355 (705) Brown thrasher  
*Harporhynchus rufus* (Linn.)

356 (718) Carolina wren  
*Thryothorus ludovicianus* (Lath.)



357 (721) House wren  
*Troglodytes aëdon* Vieill.

358 (722) Winter wren  
*Anorthura hiemalis* (Vieill.)

359 (724) Short-billed marsh wren  
*Cistothorus stellaris* (Licht.)

360 (725) Long-billed marsh wren  
*Cistothorus palustris* (Wils.)



Family CERTHIIDAE *Creepers*

361 (726) Brown creeper  
*Certhia familiaris fusca* (Barton)<sup>1</sup>

Family PARIDAE *Nuthatches and tits*

362 (727) White-breasted nuthatch  
*Sitta carolinensis* Lath.

363 (728) Red-breasted nuthatch  
*Sitta canadensis* Linn.

364 (729) Brown-headed nuthatch<sup>1</sup>  
*Sitta pusilla* Lath.

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<sup>1</sup> Oberholser has recently shown that this name is untenable and that the former *c. f. americana* (Bonap.) must be restored. See *Auk*, 16: 185.

<sup>2</sup> One New York record. See *Auk*, 1888, 5:432.



365 (731) Tufted titmouse  
Parus bicolor Linn.

366 (735) Chickadee  
Parus atricapillus Linn.

367 (740) Hudsonian chickadee  
Parus hudsonicus Forst.

Family SYLVIIDAE *Warblers, kinglets, gnatcatchers*

368 (748) Golden-crowned kinglet  
Regulus satrapa Licht.



369 (749) Ruby-crowned kinglet  
*Regulus calendula* (Linn.)

370 (751) Blue-gray gnatcatcher  
*Polioptila caerulea* (Linn.)

Family TURDIDAE *Thrushes, stone-chats, blue-birds, etc.*

371 (755) Wood thrush  
*Hylocichla mustelina* (Gmel.)

372 (756) Wilson's thrush  
*Hylocichla fuscescens* (Steph.)



373 (757) Gray-cheeked thrush  
*Hylocichla aliciae* (Baird)

374 (757a) Bicknell's thrush  
*Hylocichla aliciae bicknelli* Ridgw.

375 (758a) Olive-backed thrush  
*Hylocichla ustulata swainsonii* (Cab.)

376 (759b) Hermit thrush  
*Hylocichla aonalaeschkei pallasii* (Cab.)



377 (761) American robin  
*Merula migratoria* (Linn.)

378 (763) Varied thrush<sup>1</sup>  
*Hesperocichla naevia* (Gmel.)

379 (765) Wheatear<sup>2</sup>  
*Saxicola oenanthe* (Linn.)

380 (766) Bluebird  
*Sialia sialis* (Linn.)

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1 "There are no less than three valid records for this species near New York city." See Dwight. *Auk*, 12:70; *Proc. Boston soc. nat. hist.* 1848, 3:17; *Ann. lyc. nat. hist. N. Y.* 1867, 8:281; Coues's *Birds Colorado valley* 1878, p. 19; Baird Brewer and Ridgway's *Birds*, 1874, 1:29.

2 Long Island records. See *Auk*, 3:490; also 10:277; *Ann. lyc. nat. hist. N. Y.* 8: 282, 1867.



INTRODUCED SPECIES<sup>1</sup>Family ALAUDIDAE *Larks*381 [473] Skylark<sup>2</sup>

Alauda arvensis Linn.

Family STURNIDAE *Starlings*382 [493] Starling<sup>3</sup>

Sturnus vulgaris Linn.

Family FRINGILLIDAE *Finches, sparrows, etc.*

383 European goldfinch

Carduelis carduelis (Linn.)

384 House sparrow

Passer domesticus (Linn.)

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<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of game birds.<sup>2</sup> This European form is accidental in Greenland and Bermuda. Has been introduced in this country and in 1887 was found breeding at Flatbush L. I. See *Auk*, 5: 180; 12:390.<sup>3</sup> See *Auk*, 15: 55-56.



## PART 2

## HYPOTHETIC LIST

Including those forms, of which we have no satisfactory record, but which, having been taken in adjoining states, may be looked for in New York.

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1 (28) Mandt's guillemot  
Cephus mandtii (Licht.)

Arctic regions . . . south . . . in winter, to Mass.—*American ornithologists union*

2 (30) Murre  
Uria troile (Linn.)

Southward on the coast of North America, in winter, to southern New England.—*American ornithologists union*. This species has been reported from our state, but it seems probable that the specimens taken were immature individuals of *U. lumme*.

3 (67) Cabot's tern  
Sterna sandvicensis acuflavida (Cabot.)

South Atlantic and gulf coasts of the United States, north, casually, to southern New England.—*American ornithologists union*

4 (86) Fulmar  
Fulmarus glacialis (Linn.)

North Atlantic, south on the American side to the coast of Massachusetts, casually to New Jersey.—*American ornithologists union*. Accidental in northern New Jersey.—*Chapman*



## 5 (86a) Lesser fulmar

*Fulmarus glacialis minor* (Kjaerboelling)

North Atlantic, south on American side to coast of Massachusetts.—*American ornithologists union*

## 6 (126) Brown pelican

*Pelecanus fuscus* (Linn.)

Occasionally strays to Illinois and Massachusetts.—Chapman, *Birds of eastern North America*. De Kay (1842), mentions this form as "an occasional visitor to the coast of our state," but gives no records.—*Birds*, p. 294

## 7 [138] European teal

*Nettion crecca* (Linn.)

Occasional in eastern North America.—*American ornithologists union*. New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts records.—Abbott, *Geology of New Jersey*, p. 792; Treat, *Auk*, 8: 112; Mackay, *Auk*, 7: 294

## 8 (141) Cinnamon teal

*Querquedula cyanoptera* (Vieill.)

Accidental east of the Mississippi.



## 9 (173a) White-bellied brant

*Branta bernicla glaucogastra* (Brehm.)

This subspecies has been recognized in America by Coues. See *Auk*, 14: 207-8. This form may be looked for in our state, though I can find no records as yet.

## 10 (191.1) Cory's least bittern

*Ardetta neoxena* Cory

Michigan and Ontario records. Will undoubtedly be found in our state.

## 11 [227] European woodcock

*Scolopax rusticola* (Linn.)

Accidental in the United States. There are New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island records; and we may expect to find this form in New York.

## 12 (371) Richardson's owl

*Nyctala tengmalmi richardsoni* (Bonap.)

South in winter into the northern United States. *American ornithologist union*. Rhode Island record. See *Auk*, 3: 271



13 (395) Red-cockaded woodpecker  
*Dryobates borealis* (Vieill.)

"A southern United States form has been taken as far north as Hoboken, New Jersey." See Lawrence, *Ann. lyc. nat. hist. N. Y.*, 8: 291.

14 (443) Scissor-tailed flycatcher  
*Milvulus forficatus* (Gmel.)

A southwestern United States form that has occurred accidentally in New Jersey and New England.

15 (475) American magpie.  
*Pica pica hudsonica* (Lab.)

De Kay (1842) mentions it as having occurred in the northwestern part of the state near Niagara, but does not give any records.

16 (497) Yellow-headed blackbird  
*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus* (Bonap.)

Accidental in Ontario and the Atlantic states, Massachusetts, etc.—*American ornithologists union*



17 (736) Carolina chickadee  
Parus carolinensis Aud.

Princeton N. J., is usually considered its northern limit. See Scott's *The country*, 1878, 1:334.



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